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In response to the Office Action, dated November 25, 2003 in the above-identified patent application, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the Claim Listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

A Petition for a one-month extension of time is also submitted herewith to extend the time for response.